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FRENCH ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENTS

French assembly by 310-172 vote on  
20 December accepted budget for  
Associated States Ministry practically  
identical with one it rejected late  
on 17 December.

A. Size of majority probably not  
significant, indicating merely  
assembly impatience to:

- (1) dismiss topic used to express  
dissatisfaction over Indo-  
china policy;
- (2) pass on to debate on  
Paris accords.

11. Favorable vote expected on Paris  
accords.

A. Mendes-France expected to press  
for vote on 23 December.

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